

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOANNE NEWMAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 16-cv-11395  
Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

ASSET ACCEPTANCE CAPITAL  
CORP. a/k/a ASSET ACCEPTANCE, et al.,

Defendants.

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**ORDER (1) DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO EXPEDITE  
RULE 16 CONFERENCE (ECF # 47) AS MOOT, (2) DENYING  
DEFENDANTS' AMENDED MOTION FOR SUMMARY  
JUDGMENT (ECF # 49) WITHOUT PREJUDICE,  
AND (3) SETTING MERITS DISCOVERY PERIOD**

On September 20, 2017, the Court held an on-the-record telephonic status conference with counsel for all parties. For the reasons stated on the record, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's Motion to Expedite Rule 16 Conference (ECF #47) is DENIED AS MOOT given that the Court addressed initial scheduling issues during the status conference.

2. Defendants' Amended Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF # 49) is **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**. Defendants are not precluded from re-filing a motion for summary judgment following the close of merits discovery.

3. The parties shall have until January 22, 2018, to conduct merits discovery, and during this four-month period, the parties shall not conduct discovery related to possible class certification. The parties shall appear for a telephonic status conference on February 1, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., to discuss next steps in the action.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Matthew F. Leitman  
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: September 20, 2017

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on September 20, 2017, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

s/Holly A. Monda  
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